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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON THE NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION PETITION FOR CLARIFICATION OF RULES RELATED TO ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45; GN Docket No. 09-51; WC Docket Nos. 03-109, 05-337, 07-135, 10-90;
WT Docket No. 10-208

COMMENTS: March 19, 2012

REPLY COMMENTS: April 3, 2012

On February 24, 2012, the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) filed a petition¹ seeking clarification "that revenues associated with the new interstate recovery mechanisms [adopted in the Commission's *USF/ICC Transformation Order*²] are to be included in the allocation of [NECA] expenses to Category I.C."³ In its petition, NECA suggests that its requested clarification could be implemented by appending the following sentence to section 69.603(g) of the Commission's rules: "Beginning July 1, 2012, Connect America Fund Inter-carrier Compensation support revenues and Access Recovery Charge revenues shall be included in the allocation base for Category I.C. expenses."⁴

Interested parties may file **comments on or before March 19, 2012**, and **reply comments on or before April 3, 2012**. All pleadings are to reference **CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45; GN Docket No. 09-51; WC Docket Nos. 03-109, 05-337, 07-135, 10-90; WT Docket No. 10-208**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).⁵ Two courtesy copies must be delivered to Belinda Nixon, Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Pricing Policy Division, 445 12th Street, SW, Room 5-A221, Washington, DC 20554, or via e-mail at belinda.nixon@fcc.gov.

- **Electronic Filers:** Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>.

¹ NECA Petition for Limited Clarification, CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45; GN Docket No. 09-51; WC Docket Nos. 03-109, 05-337, 07-135, 10-90; WT Docket No. 10-208 (filed Feb. 24, 2012) (*Petition*).

² See *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90 *et al.*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 11-161 (rel. Nov. 18, 2011), *pets. for review pending*, *Direct Commc'ns Cedar Valley, LLC v. FCC*, No. 11-9581 (10th Cir. filed Dec. 18, 2011) (and consolidated cases).

³ *Petition* at 3. Section 47 C.F.R. 69.603(g) of the Commission's rules defines two categories (categories I and II), and three subcategories within category I (categories I.A, I.B, and I.C.), of NECA expenses. See 47 C.F.R. 69.603(g).

⁴ See *Petition* at 3.

⁵ See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

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- Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.
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This Public Notice establishes certain procedural requirements relating to consideration of the NECA Petition. This matter shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.⁶ Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one- or two-sentence description of the views and arguments presented generally is required.⁷ Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules.⁸

For further information regarding this proceeding, contact Belinda Nixon, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, (202) 418-1520, or via e-mail at belinda.nixon@fcc.gov.

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⁶ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200, 1.1206.

⁷ See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

⁸ See *id.*